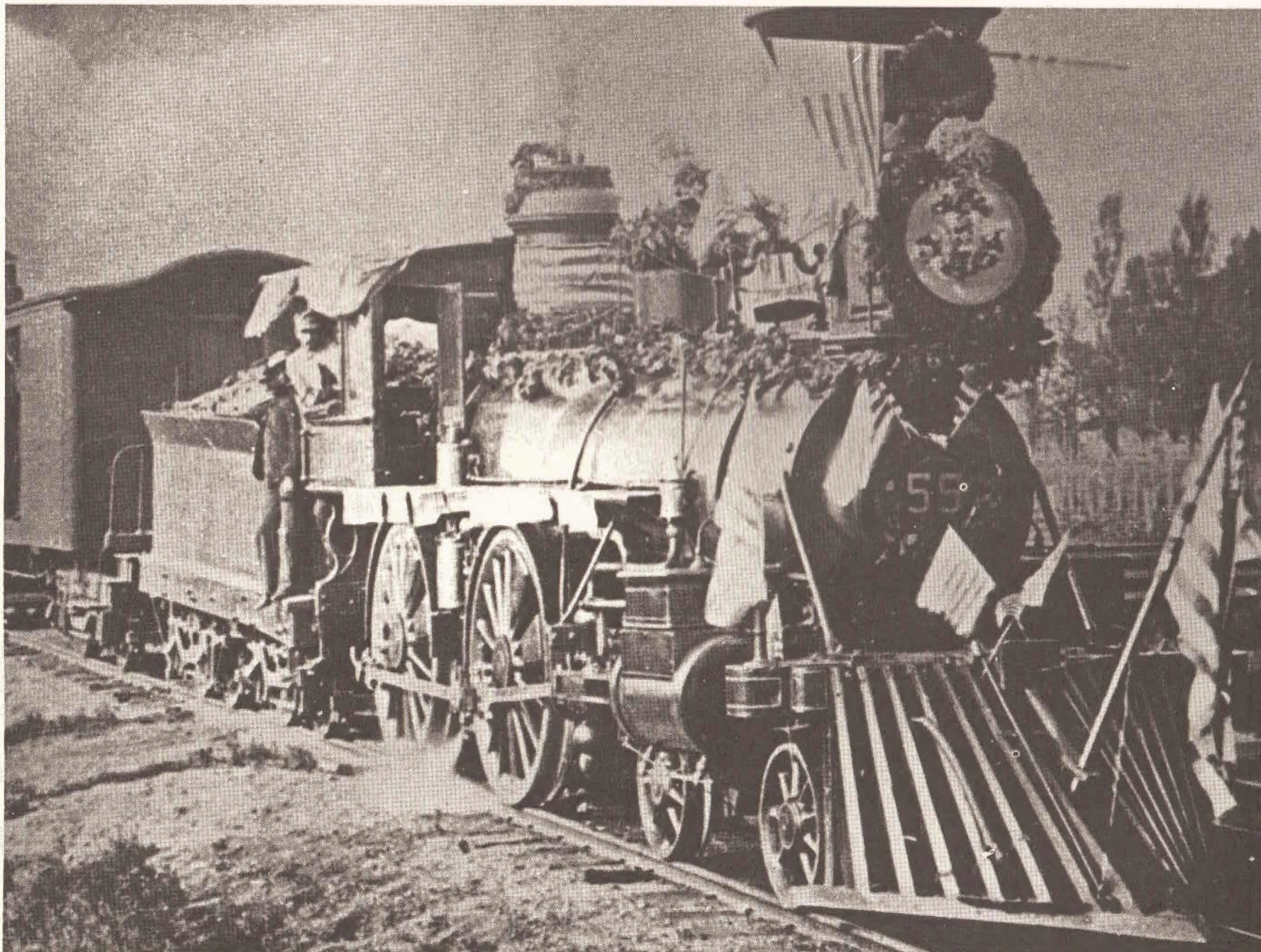




A winter view of the south bridge, about 1890

MOMENCE SESQUICENTENNIAL CALENDAR 1984



#55—the first locomotive on the Chicago, Danville and Vincennes RR (the C&EI) taken in 1873

A year has passed since the 1983 calendar went to press, and a great many things have come to pass during that time. Projects are well underway for our Sesquicentennial year, and some of the results of all the work and planning you will be aware of as you look through this calendar, for you will find herein the partial schedule of events planned for the summer—not all, for space will not allow a complete listing, and there are several main events still in the planning stage. Complete schedules will soon be printed and made available not only to Momence residents, but also to the tourist bureaus throughout the state.

The best thing that has happened is that literally hundreds of townspeople are involved in bringing about a year to remember, and an observer could have noticed this year a return to many of the “old-fashioned” virtues that have been sadly missed in these years of so-called “progress.” Prominent among them are the spirit of giving of time, thought, and muscle to bringing about the creation of such enterprises as the construction of the cabin and the making of the country school museum. Cooperation and enthusiasm have been qualities shown in our town all year long. We have already reaped some of the pleasures of this birthday ahead of time!

We, the Sesquicentennial Committee, hope that you will enjoy this year’s calendar as you did last year’s. The pictures have been selected with care to give you a taste of the old times, and the schedule of some of the fun planned for the summer should give you some idea of what to expect during our birthday party.

Our best wishes to you all, and we shall hope to greet all of you next summer.

Kathleen Hess, Sesquicentennial Committee Chairman	
Jim Albomonte	Chris Fry
Sue Butterfield	Bill Gilbert
Bill Cotter	Zenith Hess
Clyde Mansberger	



Winter in downtown Momence, 1920



Local musical group, left to right, back row, Gaillard Hess, Harry Hoag, ? ;
front row, Georgia Bigness, Hazel Broad, Josephine (Tiffany) Marcotte



Winter on the Kankakee River



Original caption found with picture: "About 1911. Sewer construction picture taken near corner of 2nd & Locust Sts., in front of present Ruge Funeral Home. Front on left, Joe LaPlant, town blacksmith; Mrs. Vineyard, wife of contractor; Mrs. King & Mr. King, Supt. from Evansville, Ind.; Wm. Coats, seated and ex-mayor, W. P. Watson on left. On machine, left of steam dome, Joe Bukowski, dynamiter. Seated on gear wheel, Warren Hopkins, engineer, and Guy Alberts, tool dresser. Standing on drive wheel, Jim Davis, steam driller, (wearing hat) on his left, Wm. Hupp, his helper. Standing on apron, Virge Mansberger, cement mason, and his brother, Ray Mansberger, who was foreman. Others not identified—some Kentuckians—also some Hungarians, who were aliens."



The opening of the Dixie Highway, 1921



Locust St. running south from Jacob Ruger's residence; the pedestrian is C. E. Carter



Taken on the North Side of the Island Park—Police Patrolman's Ward outing—1889



Momence Centennial Celebration, 1934



John Ruger & friend with their day's catch



Ladies Quaker Tea Group, 1894. Back row, left to right, Maud Kendall, Minnie Hoag, Lucy Atherton Harms, May Blake, Florence Riker Riens, Zena Goodell Roper, Nell Kendall, Myrtle Meinger, Maud Campbell Plant, Belle Blake Reynolds; second row, Leona Hopper Haydn, Florence O'Brien Hasney, Maud Thacker; third row, Lena Cooke Davis, Jess Lincoln Clark, Mattie Clark Watson, May Keyser Williams.



Washington St. looking east from Locust St., winter of 1891



Winter rabbit hunting near Momence—G. Metcalf



Brown's Cider Mill

At the time of printing all scheduled events are as listed. However, if you are planning to attend any event we suggest you write or phone ahead to confirm the date and time of any specific event.

Throughout 1984 a full printed schedule of events will be available from the Sesquicentennial Committee. Along with any inquiries we ask that you send a self-addressed and stamped envelope to help defray our mailing costs. Inquiries should be sent to:

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